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CONTAINING ARTICLE AND INHIBITING BREAKS DURING DRAWING OF OPTICAL FIBER, AND SILICA-CONTAINING ARTICLE PROTECTED AGAINST BREAK-INDUCING PARTICULATES

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